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Information Disclosure Statement

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. A copy of document AD1 is provided. Copies of the remaining documents were previously cited or submitted in Applicants' 35 U.S.C. § 120 priority Application No. 08/852,824, filed May 7, 1997.

The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/518,383, filed March 3, 2000, which is directed to related technical subject matter.

Applicants also wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner that SEQ ID NOs:1 and 3 in the corresponding clone of this application may be considered to be related to SEQ ID NO:7811 in U.S. Application No. 08/196,363, filed February 15, 1994; SEQ ID NO:1096 in U.S. Application No. 08/275,627, filed July 15, 1994; SEQ ID NOs:1107 and 709 in U.S. Application No. 08/345,704, filed November 21, 1994; SEQ ID NO:9786 in U.S. Application No. 08/798,074, filed February 12, 1997; SEQ ID NO:3949 in U.S. Application No. 08/799,180, filed February 12, 1997; SEQ ID NO:5270 in U.S. Application No. 08/971,197,

filed November 14, 1997 and SEQ ID NO:71 in U.S. Application No. 09/078,617, filed May 14, 1998.

The identification of these U.S. patent applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to these applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination.

Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not in issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

Applicants reserve the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the information provided herewith, and/or to prove that this information may not be prior art, and/or to prove that this information may not be enabling for the teachings purportedly offered.

This statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made, or that information more material to the examination of the present patent application does not exist. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the material submitted herewith. It is further understood that the Examiner will consider information that was cited or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in a prior application relied on under 35 U.S.C. § 120. 1138 OG 37, 38 (May 19, 1992).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date but before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. No statement or fee is required.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this pleading is enclosed.



Respectfully submitted,

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